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Classified by Ambassador Michele J. Sison, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) Ambassador raised reftel points with Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan on the evening of September 4, and points were reinforced by PolChief with MFA Director of the International Organizations Department Yacub Al-Hosani on September 5. Both UAEG interlocutors reiterated extensive UAE efforts with regards to Lebanon reconstruction.

Al-Hosani stressed UAEG agreement with the election of Guatemala to the UNSC as a "first time" member of the Council. On Sudan, Al-Hosani recognized the inherent difficulty of the Arab League pressing one of its members too hard, particularly on an issue where "sovereignty" is perceived to be at stake, yet he did not react negatively to the U.S. position that Sudan's consent to an international force was invited, not required, by UNSCR 1706.

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